had losses of Rs. 717 crores, loans worth Rs. 773 crores;

(b) whether it has insufficient funds assets for improvement; and

(c) whether Government's belated moves are turning counter productive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. the 123 operating mills of NTC had incurred till March, 1986 cash losses of Rs. 717 crores and loans totalling Rs. 773 crores from the Government.

(b) and (c) NTC had etsimated requirement of Rs. 302 crores for modernization during the Seventh Plan Period. However, a plan outlay of Rs. 117 crores only could be provided. NTC is trying to make optimum use of available limited resources for its modernization and labour rationalization schemes.

Operation of Punjab terrorists from Terai in U.P.

1555. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Terai area in U.P. is serving as a base for armed terrorists from Punjab with arms coming from hostile neighbours, and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what corrective steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) It would not be correct to say that the Terai area in U.P. is serving as a base for armed terrorists from Punjab. However, some incidents have occurred in which some persons have been arrested for criminal activities particularly for possession of Arms in contravention of the Arms Act. The State Government is vigilant and fully alive to the situation.

Prime Minister's visit to foreign countries

1556. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister proposes to visit Pakistan and China and some other countries during the current year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) No final decision has so far been taken on Prime Minister's visits abroad This Prinme Minister's plans to visit foreign countries are disclosed at the appropriate time keeping in view various factors.

Bills from various States pending for President's Assent

1557. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Bills passed by the State Assemblies awaiting President's assent, at present Statewise; and

(b) what are the dates on which these Bills were received and what is the present position of these Bills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the attached statement [See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 64.].